

NORTHWEST CORNER WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATION

June 2012

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 5th, Hillcrest Park Lodge

7:00 PM General Meeting

1717 South 13th Street, Mount Vernon

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I-5 exit 226 (Kincaid Street Exit). Go East up the hill. This is Broadway Street. Continue on Broadway to S 13th Street (which is about 5 to 6 blocks from the freeway). Turn right (south) onto South 13th and go about 6 blocks. The park is on the right. Turn into the park, the parking lot is in front of the lodge.

GEOFF PETERSON: PHOTOGRAPHER, WOODWORKER

Our June 5th membership meeting will feature local artist, Geoff Peterson. Geoff grew up in Rochester, New York, home of Eastman Kodak and has been taking pictures ever since. He spent his working life as a chemical engineer and retired to Bellingham in 2004. In addition to photography, Geoff builds custom furniture with a style that blends Asian, Northwest and Shaker utilizing simplicity of lines and subtle curves. His wife, Priscilla, is a sculptor, painter and mixed media artist, and they open their home to the public every October during the annual Whatcom Artist Studio Tour. Their websites: <http://www.northwest-perceptions.com/> and <http://www.cillasart.com/>.

REMEMBERING NICK VAN

Nick Van, a member of NCWA since 2000, died Monday morning May 7, 2012. Nick was elected President in 2001, when, as he put it, “no one else would take the job” and was instrumental in the evolution of NCWA into the organization it is today. He remained a member of the board for several years and continued thereafter to serve



Table by Geoff Peterson

the membership as an instructor and mentor to “newbies”. Nick is survived by Allegra, his wife of 58 years, four children, a host of grandkids and an emerging crowd of great-grandchildren. Attached is the notice of the celebration of Nick’s life and all NCWA members are welcome.

~Ed Pysher

Nick Van's Celebration of Life Memorial

*Sunday, May 20th at 3:00
pm*

*Camano Country Club
1243 S. Beach Drive
Camano Island, Wa.
98282*

Driving Directions

*Take **Exit 212** from I-5 North or I-5 South

*Head **West** at Exit onto **SR 532** (I-5 North turn Left & go under bridge at exit) OR (I-5 South turn Right at exit)

*Stay on **SR 532** through Stanwood and onto Camano Island

*Continue and **Stay** on **SR 532 on Camano Island** past the grocery store & golf course. (**Make sure to stay to the LEFT at all road forks & splits**)

*Make a **Left on Beach Dr.** (Speed limit will change to 35mph right before Beach Dr. comes up & you will see a large brown sign "Camano Country Club" at the corner of Beach Dr.)

***Follow Beach Dr.** down through the wooded area until you see the clubhouse & parking lot on the left.

The Clubhouse is about 30 minutes driving distance from I-5 Exit 212

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Nick Van (on right) and Dwain Colby flight checking several toys for tots planes

May Membership Meeting

I don't have a spiffy write up on the last membership meeting. If it wasn't for Jim Bucknell I wouldn't have photos either. Not my best month. June will be better, I promise!

~Charley Drake



Andrew Pellar explaining his jig indexed to the miter slot of his table saw

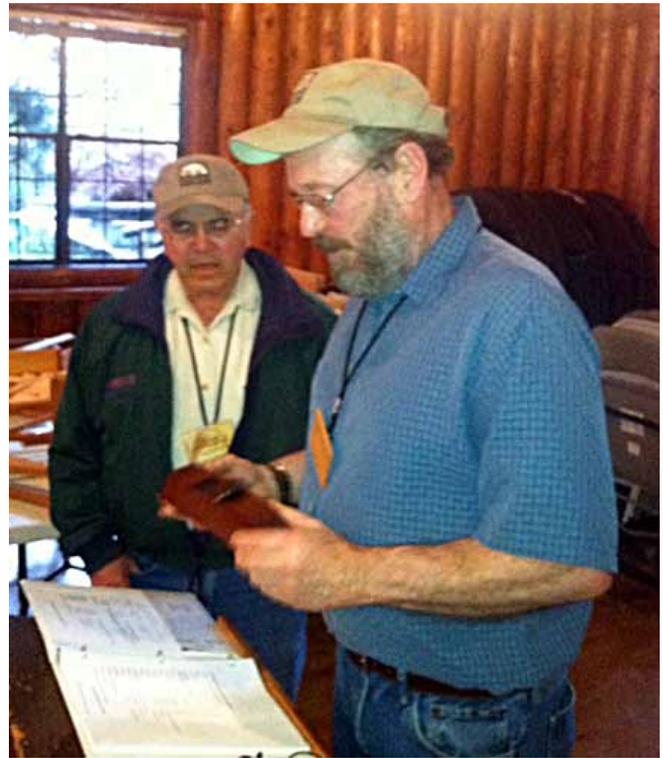


Tom Napier with his cradle

Ultimate Tool Chest

If you have more than a few tools sooner or later you will need a tool chest. The following link was sent in by Jim Bucknell. Norm Abrams takes you on a tour of the most elegant tool chest ever. <http://www.wimp.com/toolchest>

~Charley Drake



Jim Hickey's block plane

CLAMPS – GOING, GOING, GONE !

We have been struggling to get the clamp order together and still need a few more. At the previous meetings, the clamps were displayed.

So without further ado, your last chance for a great clamp at a great price:

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Bring your cash, exact change preferred, to June's meeting. If you can't make the meeting but want in on the deal send somebody with your order or contact me to make other timely payment arrangements.

- Andrew Pellar

Finishing II: Saturday, June 2nd. Class is full

We're hoping to have the 2012 / 2013 class schedule on line & in print by the end of June.

As always, your Education Committee solicits your ideas for new classes & welcome any of you who would like to instruct a class in one of your favorite topics.

Jerry Anderson
360-770-8559
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MEET THE NEW MEMBER

Joe Wilson found out about NCWA through his neighbor and club member Roger Shimer, who convinced him to go on the Spring Shop Tour. Joe is from Idaho, but grew up in Spokane where his first exposure to woodworking was watching his dad who was a cabinetmaker. He has been living in Bellingham for the past 25 years and recently retired from BP where he was an engineer. Joe recently expanded his tool collection when he purchased a nice collection of tools and equipment from a woodworker's estate. His current project is a nice looking entertainment center for their home.

~Jerry Couchman



Joe Wilson

Table Saw Safety Battle Heats Up; 'Outrageous' \$1.5 Million Dollar Award Upheld in 1st Circuit Court

With woodworkers' comments now in, the U.S. Consumer Products Agency (CPSC) is preparing to write new regulations that govern the manufacturing of safer off-site contract saws and table saws, according to a report in the latest *Western Woodworker*. The magazine has been printing some of the users' wide-ranging remarks offered to CPSC, an agency determined to end mayhem that has injured 67,300 consumers each year while costing \$2.36 billion dollars.

"The industry has failed to address this hazard through the voluntary standards process," CPSC declared.

Meanwhile, the First Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld the \$1.5 million dollar verdict in the trial against Ryobi, citing that "the manufacturer was liable for failing to include automatic instant braking technology, even though the injured party was improperly using a portable contractor saw on a job site with all safety features removed."

SawStop, the only company with the skin-sensing technology that instantly drops and crunches the blade instead of cutting human tissue, is offering its products to the nation's saw makers for an 8% royalty. Saw manufacturers have balked, some claiming it could quadruple their costs. SawStop owner and patent attorney Steve Gass has filed 50 more patents. A monopoly? Two other individuals have filed patents. One uses a skin-sensing and blade-dropping technology also, but without blade damage.

"This alternative method is being developed but the broad nature of Gass' patents will likely only result in litigation, if brought to market," reported *Woodworker West*.

SawStop has been criticized for crunching itself

when the blade touches some materials other than human skin. These aberrations cost the owner a new blade and cartridge (\$68) in additional costs. However, manufacturers claim new federal regulations added in 2007 have provided table saws with better guards and riving knives that make them safer and give added kickback protection.

PTI reports: "Since 2007 there have been no reported blade-contact injuries on a table saw with the new guards."

What will the new laws be like for the casual woodworker? It looks like we'll have safer machines, but at what price?

--Jay

NCWA Board of Directors Meeting May 9, 2012

President John Bellinger presided over the May meeting of the NCWA Board at the Farm House Restaurant on Route 20, Mount Vernon. The seven o'clock meeting got underway with a distribution of the evening's agenda to the eleven officers and committee chairmen present.

Members were saddened to learn of the death on the previous day of Nick Van, former NCWA President and inspirational leader who brought the Club back from near obscurity to a rebuilding program in 2002 that set the course for our present growth and success. Members voted to send an NCWA floral tribute to the Van family.

Treasurer Doug Duehning reported a current balance of \$4,694 and a total role of 141 members.

Education Chairman Jerry Anderson reported that he and his committee had completed an educational schedule for the 2012-2013 training program. New classes and a repeat of many earlier popular classes will offer something of interest for almost everyone.

The Board revisited the issue of "incorporation" and after many minutes of discussion could come to no conclusion of why we should do it now. The subject was dropped from further consideration. In an effort to reduce expenses, the Board approved a motion by Ed Pysher to mail monthly copies of our newsletter to only those members without computers. Drake was given confirmation that he had money budgeted to enable him to purchase lighting for the video system, not to exceed \$350.00.

Program Chairman Jerry Couchman gave members a final review of plans for our Fathers' Day weekend exhibition at Cascade Mall on June 16 and 17. A variety of member projects will be on display at Center Court area on Saturday and Sunday. The program and exhibit will pretty much echo last year's public display with Gary Weyers demonstrating his skills on the scroll saw. Gary's wood cuts and humorous wood sawn characters always attract both the young and the adults. The Chairman has gathered volunteers to act as hosts throughout the two-day event. He wants eight members manning the exhibit space to help acquaint the public with our organization and the joys of woodworking.

The program chairman also announced that the July general meeting program will consist of a combined Jig and Tool Night, and members will have an opportunity to showcase their favorite shop items over an hour-long period.

Treasurer Duehning welcomed the decision of the Board to initiate an Audit Committee, a first of its type for this Club. Two Board members and a third from the general membership will be selected by the President for audit activity.

A replacement Toys for Tots Committee Chairman is needed to fill the vacancy created by Gene Benson's announced retirement from the job that he's held for a decade. His devotion and energy for the kids' program will be tough to follow for any candidate. A three-member ad hoc committee to name a suitable Chairman will be decided by President Bellinger.

The Board has changed the date of the annual August picnic to Saturday, August 11.

With expectations running high, Board members gave approval to plans for providing more inter-Club activities to an expanding membership. Internal competitions, it is believed, will spark individual woodworking activities and boost camaraderie. The Club expects to hold 2x4 contests and other types of competition in the future with prizes to be awarded for the best entries. Judging will be left to the members' choice. The Board's first competition will be a Bird House and Bird Feeder Contest in the Fall.

The Board adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Members Present: Anderson, Bellinger, Phil Choquette, Couchmsn, Samantha Chang, Duehning, Drake, Jay Geisel, Andrew Pellar, Ed Pysher, and Mike Titus.

~Jay



Something Old, Something New

The photos on this page were sent in by Jerry Couchman, who got them from a friend who collects old phonographs. Seems a woodworker in his 20's puts the works from old phonographs into wood sculpted cabinets. Hope you find the photos interesting, or maybe even inspirational.

~Charley Drake

All Members are Welcome

If you would like to attend the board meetings please feel free to do so. The Farmhouse has good food, and the board discussions can be entertaining. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 P.M.

NCWA Board

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COMING EVENTS

June 5th	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Hillcrest Lodge
June 2nd	10-12 AM	Finishing II	Phil Choquette
June 13th	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Farmhouse Inn

The NCWA is open to all interested woodworkers, and was formed to promote high standards in woodworking, woodworking education and showcasing local woodworking. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Location is announced in the newsletter. Dues are \$30 per year, payable to NCWA, 150 Swinomish Dr., Laconner, WA 98257. Newsletter submissions are welcomed and are due by the 3rd Saturday of the month. Submit to NCWA Newsletter, 5955 Central Ave., Anacortes, WA 98221, or email to cndrake@wavecable.com or call 360-588-8448.

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